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1. A chair operable to move between a generally upright patient entry/exit position and a reclined patient examination and treatment position, comprising:
  - a chair support;
- 5 a seat section supported on said chair support;
- a back section mounted for pivotal movement relative to said chair support between a generally upright position and a reclined position; and
- 10 a pair of arm rests rigidly connected to said back section for movement with said back section between the generally upright position and the reclined position.

  

2. The chair of claim 1 wherein said back section comprises:
  - a back frame; and
  - a back cushion supported on said back frame.
3. The chair of claim 2 wherein said arm rests are integrally formed with said back frame as a unitary structure.
4. The chair of claim 3 wherein said back frame and said arms rests comprise a unitary casting.

5. The chair of claim 1 further comprising a drive mechanism operatively connected to said back section and operable to pivot said back section relative to said chair support between the generally upright position and the reclined position.

6. The chair of claim 1 wherein said chair support comprises:  
a chair base;  
a lift arm supported on said chair base; and  
a chair support assembly supported on said lift arm and  
5 rotatably supporting said back section and said seat section.

7. The chair of claim 6 wherein said support assembly comprises:  
a yoke member supported on said lift arm and pivotally supporting said back section; and  
a seat support operable to support said seat section.

8. A chair operable to move between a generally upright patient entry/exit position and a reclined patient examination and treatment position, comprising:

a chair support;

5 a seat section supported on said chair support;  
a back section mounted for pivotal movement relative to said

chair support between a generally upright position and a reclined position;  
and

10 a pair of arm rests associated with said back section for movement with said back section between the generally upright position wherein said arm rests are automatically positioned to allow a patient unobstructed entry into or exit from the chair and the reclined position wherein said arms rests are automatically positioned to support the patient's arms.

9. The chair of claim 8 wherein said arm rests are rigidly connected to said back section.

10. The chair of claim 8 wherein said back section comprises:  
a back frame; and  
a back cushion supported on said back frame.

11. The chair of claim 10 wherein said arm rests are integrally formed with said back frame as a unitary structure.

12. The chair of claim 11 wherein said back frame and said arms rests comprise a unitary casting.

13. The chair of claim 8 further comprising a drive mechanism operatively connected to said back section and operable to pivot said back section relative to said chair support between the generally upright position and the reclined position.

14. The chair of claim 8 wherein said chair support comprises:

a chair base;

a lift arm supported on said chair base; and

a chair support assembly supported on said lift arm and

5 rotatably supporting said back section and said seat section.

15. The chair of claim 15 wherein said support assembly comprises:

a yoke member supported on said lift arm and pivotally supporting said back section; and

5 a seat support operable to support said seat section.

16. A back section for use in a chair adapted to move between a generally upright patient entry/exit position and a reclined patient examination and treatment position, comprising:

a back frame;

5 a pair of arm rests rigidly connected to said back frame; and a back cushion supported by said back frame.

17. The back section of claim 16 wherein said arm rests are integrally formed with said back frame as a unitary structure.

18. The back section of claim 17 wherein said back frame and said arms rests comprise a unitary casting.